

REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been amended, and a new sequence listing has been submitted to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the Application is not in compliance with the Sequence Rules of 37 C.F.R. 1.821, because Figures 1 and 4 contain polypeptide sequences not assigned appropriate sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NOS.), either in the brief description of the figures or the figures themselves. The Examiner further indicated that not all of the sequences of Figure 1 are listed on the Sequence Listing and present on the CRF disk and that, if the sequences are not present on the CRF disk then the submission of a new CRF disk and Sequence Listing (and a statement indicating that no new matter is added) is required.

STATEMENT

In response to the formalities objection, Applicants submit herewith a new CRF disk and Sequence Listing (Exhibit I) containing each and every sequence contained in the application, including the amino acid sequences of Figure 1 and 4, and the primer sequences listed at page 6, line 25, of the subject specification.

Applicant confirms that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing submitted herewith. Applicant also states that the submission of the written sequence listing and computer readable form filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(g) does not include any new matter that goes beyond the disclosure of the international application.

OTHER FORMALITIES

The Brief Description of the Drawings is amended to include appropriate cross-references to amino acid sequences in the description of Figures 1 and 4, as required.

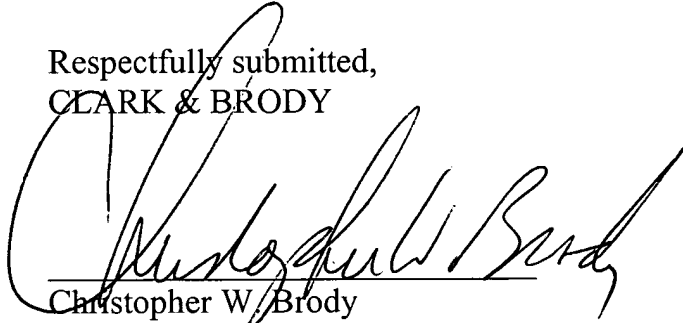
SUMMARY

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the formalities objection to this application in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks.

In consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,
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